

MAKING CANCER AND ALL MALIGNANT NEOPLASTIC  
DISEASES REPORTABLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Mr. McMILLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 260]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 260) to make cancer and all malignant neoplastic diseases reportable to the Director of Public Health of the District of Columbia, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the Health Officer and the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia to gather the information necessary for study and the control of the epidemiology of cancer and other neoplastic diseases.

At the present time the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming have similar statutes.

The bill was introduced at the request of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and the Health Officer of the District of Columbia. It was unanimously reported by the Senate District of Columbia Committee.

Malignancies from cancer in the District of Columbia have risen from 38 per 100,000 population in 1880, to 178.4 per 100,000 population in 1950.

The bill does not call for any expenditure of funds.

